THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : அது ஒரு காலத்தில் அப்படி இருந்தது. அதையெல்லாம் திருத்தி அமைக்கவேண்டுமென்று கருதி, இப்போது கூடுமான வரையில் கிடைக்கக்கூடிய நிலைமையில் வைத்திருக்கிறோம்.

Utilisation of the waters of Siruvani river

* 328 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether any agreement has been entered into with the Kerala Government about the utilisation of the waters of Siruvani river in Coimbatore district and, if so, the terms thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Did this Government approach the Kerala Government to allow our Government to draw more water?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir, it is now a matter for delicate (An hon. Member : handling) negotiation This was even taken up in the Southern Zonal Council meeting. They have left it to the Chief Ministers of the two Staes to discuss about it and come to a decision.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know at what stage the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not exactly know at what stage both these Chief Ministers are about the talks. But there was a first approach and then I understand that the other Chief Minister had to get information from his Government. They will meet again and discuss and come to a decision.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, Coimbatore is getting only intermittent supply of water. The city is growing rapidly and the population is also increasing. May I know what other source there is for the Government to meet the needs of the people of Coimbatore regarding drinking water?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I think the only source is Siruvani from where we can tap water. I saw some reports; they are only reports. From them I glean that they object to water being used for irrigation. They are not objecting to water being taken for drinking purposes. So, after the two Chief Ministers discuss it, they will come to a happy conclusion.

Resignation of doctors

* 329 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of doctors in the Madras Medical Service who resigned from service from 1st June 1959 to 31st January 1961? 3-10 p.m.

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The number of doctors who resigned from the Madras Medical Service from 1st June 1959 to 31st January 1961, is 57.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it a fact that most of these doctors had to leave the precious Madras Medical Service due to bad treatment?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not know how the hon. Member always draws some far-fetched conclusions. I shall now give some of the reasons.

	No. resigned for domestic or family circumstances.	*No. resigned for study purposes.*	*Not selected by the Commission.*	*Not agreeing to transfer.*	*Other reasons.*
1st June 1959 to 31st December 1959.	20	1	..	1	2
1960.	24	4	2	..	2
January 1961.	1	..	..	..	..

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it true that some of these doctors for some reason or other were transferred too frequently, though there is a rule laying down that no officer of the Government should be transferred within three years unless it be in the exigencies of service?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Normally, the period is three years not only for doctors but even for other officers. But, as the hon. Member himself pointed out, in the exigencies of service they had to be transferred.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : I think the Hon. Minister missed one word in my question, namely, 'frequently'. A certain number of officers were frequently transferred. Will the Government at least examine this?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir. I am not prepared to examine for this reason. There are no frequent transfers, as the hon. Member suggests. For instance, some officers go suddenly on leave, especially women doctors. There are certain reasons for them.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it true that some of the doctors who had put in temporary service up to five or six years were not selected by the Public Service Commission, and, therefore, there is the dearth of officers in the medical service?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir. I cannot answer this question about the Public Service Commission.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, is it a fact that four or five doctors resigned for study purposes, as they got scholarships from the Central Government, because the department refused to give them lien in the medical service so that after their studies were finished, they could take up their jobs?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If the hon. Member puts a separate question specifically, then only I can examine.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, when this question was raised on the floor of this House more than once, and when the number of doctors resigned is as many as 57, is it not incumbent on the part of the Hon. Minister to enquire into the matter apart from the reasons given here?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. After examining the various causes for these resignations, I do not find anything abnormal to warrant any further enquiry into the matter.

Industrial Workshop at Villupuram

* 330 *Q*.—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to establish an Industrial Workshop at Villupuram; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A scheme for the establishment of a general purposes Engineering Workshop at Villupuram during the Third Five-Year Plan period has been recently sanctioned by the Government.

Foreshore Estate, Santhome

* 331 *Q*.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Non-Gazetted Officers in the Foreshore Estate, Santhome, Madras, for the reduction of rent of apartments; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) No decision has been taken on the representations.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, what is the rent charged for the ground floor and for the first floor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The rent is Rs. 30 for the upstairs and Rs. 32 for the ground floor.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, what is the plinth area?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not have the information with me. But the economic rent for the building comes to Rs. 45.